IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA NEWPORT NEWS DIVISION

JAMESINA CRAWFORD, et al.,

Plaintiffs, Case No. 4:14-cv-00130-RCY-RJK

vs. JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Judge Roderick C. Young

NEWPORT NEWS INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION,

Defendant.

<u>DEFENDANT'S PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS WITH AUTHORITIES AND VERDICT FORM</u>

Defendant Newport News Industrial Corporation ("NNI"), by counsel, pursuant to the Court's Order to Extend Trial-Related Deadlines (ECF No. 512) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 51, submits its Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form in this matter. Defendant reserves the right to supplement and amend its Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form in light of changed circumstances, including any changes in the law, rulings of this Court, and the evidence as presented at trial.

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ALL LITIGANTS EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW

In this case, one of the parties is a corporation. All parties are equal before the law. A corporation is entitled to the same fair consideration that you would give any individual person.

Authorities: Fed. Civ. Jury Instr. 7th Cir. 1.03 (2018).

NUMBER OF WITNESSES

The weight of the evidence to prove a fact does not necessarily depend on the number of witnesses who testify. What is more important is how believable the witnesses were, and how much weight you think their testimony deserves.

Authorities: Model Civ. Jury Instr. 3d Cir. 3.2 (2019).

DUTY TO DELIBERATE

The verdict must represent the considered judgment of each of you. In order to return a

verdict, it is necessary that each juror agree. Your verdict must be unanimous.

It is your duty, as jurors, to consult with one another, and to deliberate with a view to

reaching an agreement, if you can do so without disregard of individual judgment. You must

each decide the case for yourself, but only after an impartial consideration of the evidence in the

case with your fellow jurors. In the course of your deliberations, do not hesitate to reexamine

your own views, and change your opinion, if convinced it is erroneous. But do not surrender

your honest conviction as to the weight or effect of evidence, solely because of the opinion of

your fellow jurors, or for the mere purpose of returning a verdict.

Remember at all times that you are not partisans. You are judges—judges of the facts.

Your sole interest is to seek the truth from the evidence in the case.

Authorities: 3 Fed. Jury Prac & Instr. 106:01 (6th ed.)

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MULTIPLE CLAIMS; MULTIPLE PLAINTIFFS/DEFENDANTS

You must give separate consideration to each claim and each party in this case. Although there are 21 plaintiffs, it does not follow that if one is successful, the other are, too.

Authorities: Fed. Civ. Jury Instr. 7th Cir. 1.25 (2018).

IMPEACHMENT: INCONSISTENT STATEMENT OR CONDUCT

A witness may be discredited or impeached by contradictory evidence or by evidence that

at some other time the witness has said or done something, or has failed to say or do something

that is inconsistent with the witness' present testimony.

If you believe any witness has been impeached and thus discredited, you may give the

testimony of that witness such credibility, if any, you think it deserves.

If a witness is shown knowingly to have testified falsely about any material matter, you

have a right to distrust such witness' other testimony and you may reject all the testimony of that

witness or give it such credibility as you may think it deserves.

An act or omission is "knowingly" done, if the act is done voluntarily and intentionally,

and not because of mistake or accident or other innocent reason.

Authorities: 3 Fed. Jury Prac & Instr. 105:04 (6th ed.)

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PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE

Each Plaintiff has the burden in a civil action, such as this, to prove every essential

element of plaintiff's claim by a preponderance of the evidence. If a plaintiff should fail to

establish any essential element of plaintiff's claim by a preponderance of the evidence, you

should find for defendant as to that claim.

"Establish by a preponderance of the evidence" means evidence, which as a whole,

shows that the fact sought to be proved is more probable than not. In other words, a

preponderance of the evidence means such evidence as, when considered and compared with the

evidence opposed to it, has more convincing force, and produces in your minds belief that what

is sought to be proved is more likely true than not true. This standard does not require proof to an

absolute certainty, since proof to an absolute certainty is seldom possible in any case.

In determining whether any fact in issue has been proved by a preponderance of the

evidence, unless otherwise instructed you may consider the testimony of all witnesses, regardless

of who may have called them, and all exhibits received in evidence, regardless of who may have

produced them.

Authorities: 3 Fed. Jury Prac. & Instr. 104:01 (6th ed.).

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ELEMENTS OF CLAIM: HARASSMENT-HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT

Plaintiffs claim that they were each subjected to harassment and that this harassment was because of each Plaintiffs' race.

Defendant NNI is liable for racial harassment to a given plaintiff only if a plaintiff proves all five of the following elements by a preponderance of the evidence:

First: The plaintiff was subjected to a hostile work environment.

Second: The harassment was not welcomed by the plaintiff.

Third: The harassment would not have occurred but for the plaintiff's race.

Fourth: The conduct was so severe or pervasive that a reasonable person in the plaintiff's position would find Plaintiff's work environment to be hostile or abusive. This element requires you to look at the evidence from the point of view of a reasonable person's reaction to the plaintiff's work environment.

Fifth: The plaintiff believed his or her work environment to be hostile or abusive as a result of the conduct.

If any of the above elements has not been proved by a preponderance of the evidence, your verdict must be for NNI and you need not proceed further in considering this claim.

Authorities: Model Civ. Jury Instr. 3d Cir. 6.1.4 (2019) (modified to reflect but-for causal standard under Section 1981); *Comcast Corp. v. Nat'l Assoc. of African American-Owned Media*, 140 S. Ct. 1009 (2020); *Harris v. Forklift Sys., Inc.*, 510 U.S. 17, 21 (1993) (listing elements of claim); *Honor v. Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc.*, 383 F.3d 180, 190 (4th Cir. 2004) (listing elements of claim); *Alford v. Martin & Gass, Inc.*, 391 F. App'x 296, 303 (4th Cir. 2010)

(explaining non-supervisor conduct imputable only where employer "knew or should have known about the harassment and failed to take effective action to stop it").

DEFINITIONS: HOSTILE OR ABUSIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT

In determining whether a work environment is "hostile" you must look at all of the circumstances, which may include:

- The total physical environment of the plaintiff's work area.
- The degree and type of language and insult that filled the environment before and after the plaintiff arrived.
- The reasonable expectations of the plaintiff upon entering the environment.
- The frequency of the offensive conduct.
- The severity of the conduct.
- The effect of the working environment on the plaintiff's mental and emotional well-being.
- Whether the conduct was unwelcome, that is, conduct the plaintiff regarded as unwanted or unpleasant.
- Whether the conduct was pervasive.
- Whether the conduct was directed toward the plaintiff.
- Whether the conduct was physically threatening or humiliating.
- Whether the conduct was merely a tasteless remark.
- Whether the conduct unreasonably interfered with the plaintiff's work performance.

Conduct that amounts only to ordinary socializing in the workplace, such as occasional horseplay, occasional use of abusive language, tasteless jokes, and occasional teasing, does not constitute an abusive or hostile work environment. A hostile work environment can be found only if there is extreme conduct amounting to a material change in the terms and conditions of employment. Moreover, isolated incidents, unless extremely serious, will not amount to a hostile work environment.

It is not enough that the work environment was generally harsh, unfriendly, unpleasant, crude or vulgar to all employees. In order to find a hostile work environment, you must find that

the plaintiff was harassed because of race. The harassing conduct may, but need not be racially-based in nature. Rather, its defining characteristic is that the harassment complained of was linked to the plaintiff's race. The key question is whether the plaintiff, as an African American, was subjected to harsh employment conditions to which those other than the plaintiff's race were not.

It is important to understand that, in determining whether a hostile work environment existed you must consider the evidence from the perspective of a reasonable person in the same position. That is, you must determine whether a reasonable person would have been offended or harmed by the conduct in question. You must evaluate the total circumstances and determine whether the alleged harassing behavior could be objectively classified as the kind of behavior that would seriously affect the psychological or emotional well-being of a reasonable person. The reasonable person is simply one of normal sensitivity and emotional make-up.

Authorities: Model Civ. Jury Instr. 3d Cir. 6.2.2 (2019); *Harris v. Forklift Sys., Inc.*, 510 U.S. 17, 21-23 (1993); *Faragher v. City of Boca Raton*, 524 U.S. 775, 788 (1998).

HARASSMENT BY NON-SUPERVISOR EMPLOYEES

For acts of harassment by non-supervisor employees, you must also determine whether Defendant NNI is responsible under the law for those acts. For Defendant NNI to be liable for the acts of harassment of non-supervisor employees, the plaintiff must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that management level employees knew, or should have known, of the abusive conduct. Management level employees should have known of the abusive conduct if 1) an employee provided management level personnel with enough information to raise a probability of racial harassment in the mind of a reasonable employer, or if 2) the harassment was so pervasive and open that a reasonable employer would have had to be aware of it.

Authorities: Model Civ. Jury Instr. 3d Cir. 6.1.4 (2019) (modified); *Harris v. Forklift Sys., Inc.*, 510 U.S. 17, 21 (1993) (listing elements of claim); *Honor v. Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc.*, 383 F.3d 180, 190 (4th Cir. 2004) (listing elements of claim); *Alford v. Martin & Gass, Inc.*, 391 F. App'x 296, 303 (4th Cir. 2010 (explaining non-supervisor conduct imputable only where employer "knew or should have known about the harassment and failed to take effective action to stop it").

FARAGHER/ELLERTH DEFENSE

With regard to harassment by supervisory employees, you must find for Defendant NNI if you find that Defendant NNI has proved both of the following elements by a preponderance of the evidence:

First: That Defendant NNI exercised reasonable care to prevent racial harassment in the workplace, and also exercised reasonable care to promptly correct the harassing behavior that does occur.

Second: That the plaintiff unreasonably failed to take advantage of any preventive or corrective opportunities provided by Defendant NNI.

Proof of the following facts will be enough to establish the first element that I just referred to, concerning prevention and correction of harassment:

- 1. Defendant NNI had established an explicit policy against harassment in the workplace on the basis of race.
- 2. That policy was fully communicated to its employees.
- 3. That policy provided a reasonable way for the plaintiff to make a claim of harassment to higher management.
- 4. Reasonable steps were taken to correct the problem, if raised by the plaintiff.

On the other hand, proof that the plaintiff did not follow a reasonable complaint procedure provided by Defendant NNI will ordinarily be enough to establish that the plaintiff unreasonably failed to take advantage of a corrective opportunity.

Authorities: Model Civ. Jury Instr. 3d Cir. 6.1.3 (2019) (modified); *Burlington Indus.*, *Inc. v. Ellerth*, 524 U.S. 742, 762-63 (1998); *Faragher v. City of Boca Raton*, 524 U.S. 775 (1998); *Barrett v. Applied Radiant Energy Corp.*, 240 F.3d 262, 266 (4th Cir. 2001) (explaining distribution of anti-harassment policy provides compelling proof that company exercised

reasonable care in preventing and promptly correcting harassment); *Sonnier v. Diamond Healthcare Corp.*, 114 F. Supp. 3d 349, 361 (E.D. Va. 2015) (employee's failure to assert an internal complaint of harassment is typically unreasonable failure to take advantage of preventative or corrective opportunities provided).

ELEMENTS OF CLAIM: CONSTRUCTIVE DISCHARGE – PLAINTIFFS BOSTIC, CHESSON, HOLLOMAN, ROBINSON, SWAIN

Plaintiffs Richard Bostic, Ernest Chesson, Lamar Holloman, Robert Robinson, and David Swain claim that although Defendant NNI did not fire them, they were constructively discharged based on race.

A constructive discharge occurs when an employer deliberately makes an employee's working conditions intolerable and thereby forces him to quit his job.

A plaintiff alleging constructive discharge must therefore prove two elements: deliberateness of the employer's action, and intolerability of the working conditions.

Deliberateness exists only if the actions complained of were intended by the employer as an effort to force the employee to quit. To act deliberately, of course, requires intent. The plaintiff must prove the employer's specific intent to force an employee to leave. Intent may be inferred through circumstantial evidence, including a failure to act in the face of known intolerable conditions. Where, however, all employees are treated identically, no particular employee can claim that difficult working conditions signify the employer's intent to force that individual to resign.

Intolerability of working conditions is assessed by the objective standard of whether a reasonable person in the employee's position would have felt compelled to resign. An employee may not be unreasonably sensitive to his working environment. The law does not permit an employee's subjective perceptions to govern a claim of constructive discharge. Every job has its frustrations, challenges and disappointments; these inhere in the nature of work. An employee is protected from a calculated effort to pressure him into resignation through the imposition of

unreasonably harsh conditions, in excess of those faced by his co-workers. He is not, however, guaranteed a working environment free of stress.

To act reasonably, the plaintiff had an obligation to give the defendant a reasonable opportunity to remedy his concerns before resigning.

Authorities: *Honor v. Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc.*, 383 F.3d 180, 186-87 (4th Cir. 2004) (requiring deliberateness motivated by racial bias and objective intolerability of working conditions); *Matvia v. Bald Head Isl. Mgmt., Inc.*, 259 F.3d 261, 272 (4th Cir. 2001) (explaining deliberateness exists only if actions complained of were intended by employer to force the plaintiff to quit); *Bristow v. Daily Press, Inc.*, 770 F.2d 1251, 1255 (4th Cir. 1985) (requiring proof of employer's specific intent to force an employee to leave); *Puckett v. City of Portsmouth*, 391 F. Supp. 2d 423, 434 (E.D. Va. 2005) (explaining intolerability is an objective standard, i.e., whether a reasonable person in the employee's position would have felt forced to resign); *Shealy v. Winston*, 929 F.2d 1009, 1013 (4th Cir. 1991) (explaining reasonableness requires an employee give employer a reasonable chance to work out a problem).

ELEMENTS OF CLAIM: RETALIATION FOR OPPOSITION TO HARASSMENT OR DISCRIMINATION

In this case, Plaintiff Ernest Chesson claims that Defendant NNI also retaliated against him by constructively discharging him.

If Plaintiff Ernest Chesson has proven constructive discharge as set forth in Instruction No. 11, your verdict must be for Plaintiff Ernest Chesson and against Defendant NNI on Plaintiff's claim of retaliation only if all four of the following elements have been proved:

First, the plaintiff complained to the defendant that he was being harassed or discriminated against on the basis of race; and

Second, the plaintiff reasonably believed that he was being harassed or discriminated against on the basis of race; and

Third, the plaintiff's constructive discharge might well dissuade a reasonable worker in the same or similar circumstances from making or supporting a lawsuit; and

Fourth, the defendant would not have constructively discharged Plaintiff butfor Plaintiff's complaint of race harassment or discrimination.

If any of the above elements has not been proved, your verdict must be for the defendant and you need not proceed further in considering this claim.

Authorities: Model Civ. Jury Instr. 8th Cir. 10.41 (2019) (modified); *Holland v. Wash. Homes, Inc.*, 487 F.3d 208, 218 (4th Cir. 2007) (retaliation elements); *Conyers v. Va. Development Auth.*, 927 F. Supp. 2d 285, 295 (E.D. Va. 2013) (explaining protected activity requires complaint that activity constitutes unlawful discrimination rather than general unfair

treatment); *Peters v. Jenney*, 327 F.3d 307, 320 (4th Cir. 2003) (explaining protected activity requires reasonably belief of unlawful activity); *Univ. of Tex. Sw. Med. Ctr. v. Nassar*, 133 S. Ct. 2517, 2528 (2013) (holding relevant causal standard for retaliation is "but for").

ELEMENTS OF CLAIM: DISCRIMINATION

In this case, Plaintiff Steven Gordon claims that Defendant NNI discriminated against him in connection with his compensation.

Your verdict must be for Plaintiff Steven Gordon and against Defendant NNI on Plaintiff's claim of discriminatory pay only if all the following elements have been proved:

First, the defendant paid the plaintiff less than similarly-situated white workers; and Second, the defendant would not have paid the plaintiff less but-for plaintiff's race.

If any of the above elements has not been proved, your verdict must be for defendant.

Authorities: Model Civ. Jury Instr. 8th Cir. 11.41 (2019) (modified).

BUSINESS JUDGMENT

Even if an employer is mistaken and its business judgment is wrong, an employer is entitled to make its own policy and business judgment. An employer may make those employment decisions as it sees fit, as long as not unlawful.

In determining whether defendant's stated reason for its actions was a pretext for discrimination, you may not question defendant's business judgment. Pretext is not established just because you disagree with the business judgment of defendant NNI, unless you find that defendant's reason was a pretext for discrimination.

Authorities: 3C Fed. Jury Prac & Instr. § 171:75 (6th ed.); Jiminez v. Mary Washington Coll., 57 F.3d 369 (4th Cir. 1995); Comcast Corp. v. Nat'l Assoc. of African American-Owned Media, 140 S. Ct. 1009 (2020).

COMPENSATORY DAMAGES

I am now going to instruct you on damages. Just because I am instructing you on how to award damages does not mean that I have any opinion on whether or not NNI should be held liable.

If you find by a preponderance of the evidence that Defendant NNI intentionally discriminated against a plaintiff by creating a racially hostile work environment, then you must consider the issue of compensatory damages. You must award the plaintiff an amount that will fairly compensate him or her for any injury he or she actually sustained a result of NNI's conduct. The damages that you ward must be fair compensation, no more and no less. The award of compensatory damages is meant to put the plaintiff in the position he or she would have occupied if the discrimination had no occurred. The plaintiff has the burden of proving damages by a preponderance of the evidence.

The plaintiff must show that the injury would not have occurred without Defendant NNI's act or omission. The plaintiff must also show that Defendant NNI's act or omission played a substantial part in bringing about the injury, and that the injury was either a direct result or a reasonably probable consequence of Defendant NNI's act or omission. This test — a substantial part in bringing about the injury — is to be distinguished from the test you must employ in determining whether Defendant NNI's actions were motivated by discrimination. In other words, even assuming that Defendant NNI's actions or omissions were motivated by discrimination, a plaintiff is not entitled to damages for an injury unless Defendant NNI's discriminatory actions or omissions actually played a substantial part in bringing about that injury.

There can be more than one cause of an injury. To find that Defendant NNI's act caused a plaintiff's injury, you need not find that Defendant NNI's act was the nearest cause, either in time or space. However, if a plaintiff's injury was caused by a later, independent event that intervened between Defendant NNI's act or omission and a plaintiff's injury, Defendant NNI is not liable unless the injury was reasonably foreseeable by Defendant NNI.

In determining the amount of any damages that you decide to award, you should be guided by common sense. You must use sound judgment in fixing an award of damages, drawing reasonable inferences from the facts in evidence. You may not award damages based on sympathy, speculation, or guesswork.

You may award damages for any pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or loss of enjoyment of life that a plaintiff experienced as a consequence of Defendant NNI's allegedly unlawful act or omission. No evidence of the monetary value of such intangible things as pain and suffering has been, or need be, introduced into evidence. There is no exact standard for fixing the compensation to be awarded for these elements of damage. Any award you make should be fair in light of the evidence presented at the trial.

I instruct you that in awarding compensatory damages, you are not to award damages for the amount of wages that a plaintiff would have earned, if he or she had continued in employment with NNI. These elements of recovery of wages that the plaintiff would have received from NNI are called "back pay". "Back pay" is to be awarded separately under instructions that I will soon give you, and any amounts for "back pay" and are to be entered separately on the verdict form.

You may award damages for monetary losses that a plaintiff may suffer in the future as a result of NNI's allegedly unlawful act or omission.

As I instructed you previously, the plaintiff has the burden of proving damages by a

preponderance of the evidence. But the law does not require that a plaintiff prove the amount of

his or her losses with mathematical precision; it requires only as much definiteness and accuracy

as circumstances permit.

You are instructed that a plaintiff has a duty under the law to "mitigate" his or her

damages—that means that a plaintiff must take advantage of any reasonable opportunity that

may have existed under the circumstances to reduce or minimize the loss or damage caused by

Defendant NNI's. It is Defendant NNI's burden to prove that a plaintiff has failed to mitigate. So

if Defendant NNI persuades you by a preponderance of the evidence that a plaintiff failed to take

advantage of an opportunity that was reasonably available to him or her, then you must reduce

the amount of the plaintiff's damages by the amount that could have been reasonably obtained if

he or she had taken advantage of such an opportunity.

In assessing damages, you must not consider attorney fees or the costs of litigating this

case. Attorney fees and costs, if relevant at all, are for the court and not the jury to determine.

Therefore, attorney fees and costs should play no part in your calculation of any damages.

Authorities: Model Civ. Jury Instr. 3d Cir. 6.4.1 (2019) (modified).

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DAMAGES: BACK PAY – PLAINTIFFS BOSTIC, CHESSON, HOLLOMAN, ROBINSON, SWAIN

If you find that Defendant NNI intentionally discriminated against Plaintiffs Richard Bostic, Ernest Chesson, Lamar Holloman, Robert Robinson, or David Swain in constructively discharging them, then you must determine the amount of damages that Defendant NNI's actions have caused the given plaintiff. A plaintiff has the burden of proving damages by a preponderance of the evidence.

You may award as actual damages an amount that reasonably compensates the plaintiff for any lost wages and benefits, taking into consideration any increases in salary and benefits, including pension, that the plaintiff would have received from Defendant NNI had the plaintiff not been the subject of Defendant NNI's intentional discrimination.

Back pay damages, if any, apply from the time a plaintiff was constructively discharged until the date of your verdict.

You must reduce any award by the amount of the expenses that the plaintiff would have incurred in making those earnings.

If you award back pay, you are instructed to deduct from the back pay figure whatever wages a plaintiff has obtained from other employment during this period. However, please note that you should not deduct social security benefits, unemployment compensation and pension benefits from an award of back pay.

You are further instructed that the plaintiff has a duty to mitigate his damages—that is the plaintiff is required to make reasonable efforts under the circumstances to reduce his or her damages. It is Defendant NNI's burden to prove that a plaintiff has failed to mitigate. So if Defendant NNI persuades you, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the plaintiff failed to

obtain substantially equivalent job opportunities that were reasonably available to him, you must reduce the award of damages by the amount of the wages that the plaintiff reasonably would have earned if he had obtained those opportunities.

Authorities: Model Civ. Jury Instr. 3d Cir. 6.4.3 (2019).

DAMAGES: BACK PAY – PLAINTIFF STEVEN GORDON

If you find that Defendant NNI intentionally discriminated against Steven Gordon in connection with his compensation, then you must determine the amount of damages that Defendant NNI's actions have caused Plaintiff Gordon. Plaintiff Gordon has the burden of proving damages by a preponderance of the evidence.

You may award as actual damages an amount that reasonably compensates Plaintiff
Gordon for any lost wages and benefits, taking into consideration any increases in salary and
benefits, including pension, that Plaintiff Gordon would have received from Defendant NNI had
Plaintiff Gordon not been the subject of Defendant NNI's intentional discrimination.

Back pay damages, if any, apply from the time Plaintiff Gordon was discriminated against until the date of your verdict.

You must reduce any award by the amount of the expenses that Plaintiff Gordon would have incurred in making those earnings.

If you award back pay, you are instructed to deduct from the back pay figure whatever wages Plaintiff Gordon has obtained from other employment during this period. However, please note that you should not deduct social security benefits, unemployment compensation and pension benefits from an award of back pay.

You are further instructed that Plaintiff Gordon has a duty to mitigate his damages—that is Plaintiff Gordon is required to make reasonable efforts under the circumstances to reduce his damages. It is Defendant NNI's burden to prove that Plaintiff Gordon has failed to mitigate. So if Defendant NNI persuades you, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Plaintiff Gordon failed to obtain substantially equivalent job opportunities that were reasonably available to him, you

must reduce the award of damages by the amount of the wages that Plaintiff Gordon reasonably would have earned if he had obtained those opportunities.

Authorities: Model Civ. Jury Instr. 3d Cir. 6.4.3 (2019).

VERDICT FORM NO. 18

Verdict Form

We, the jury, duly impaneled and sworn, upon our oaths, present the following answers to the questions submitted by the Court:

Mark Barnett

1.	•	intiff Mark Barne	. 7-10, unanimously and by a preponderance of ett was subjected to racial harassment by any ne	
		YES	NO	
	do you find	d under Instruction	any acts of harassment by non-supervisory employers. No. 9, unanimously and by a preponderance of I is responsible under the law for those acts?	
		YES	NO	
2.			7-10, unanimously and by a preponderance of was subjected to racial harassment by any supervisor	
		YES	NO	
	you find u	nder Instruction N	any acts of harassment by supervisory employees, No. 10, unanimously and by a preponderance of I is responsible under the law for those acts?	
		YES	NO	
			racial harassment and Defendant NNI is responsi question. Otherwise, continue to Question 4.	ble
3.	evidence, that Pla harassment for pair	intiff Mark Barne n, suffering, inconv	. 15, unanimously and by a preponderance of ett is entitled to damages on account of the rac venience, mental anguish, or loss of enjoyment of li	cial
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c ·		for p	pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or l	oss
of enjo	oyment of life.			

Ian Blow

e	viden	you find under Instruction Nos. 7-10, unanimously and by a preponderance of the dence, that Plaintiff Ian Blow was subjected to racial harassment by any non-ervisory employees?				
		YES		NO		
	a.	a. If your answer is "yes," as to any acts of harassment by non-supervisory employees do you find under Instruction No. 9, unanimously and by a preponderance of the evidence, that Defendant NNI is responsible under the law for those acts?				
		YES		NO		
e	viden			y and by a preponderance of the all harassment by any supervisory		
		YES		NO		
	a.	you find under Instruct	ion No. 10, unanimous	nent by supervisory employees, do ly and by a preponderance of the der the law for those acts?		
		YES		NO		
				and Defendant NNI is responsible ise, continue to Question 7.		
e	viden		v is entitled to damages	and by a preponderance of the on account of the racial harassment oss of enjoyment of life?		
	a.	If so, state the amount harassment:	of damages that Plaint	iff sustained on account of racial		
of enjoyr	nent (\$	_ for pain, suffering, inco	onvenience, mental anguish, or loss		

Richard Bostic

7.	Do you find under Instruction Nos. 7-10, unanimously and by a preponderance of the evidence, that Plaintiff Richard Bostic was subjected to racial harassment by any non-supervisory employees?				
			YES		NO
	a.	do you find und	ler Instruction No.	9, unanimous	ent by non-supervisory employees, sly and by a preponderance of the ler the law for those acts?
			YES		NO
8.	eviden		f Richard Bostic		y and by a preponderance of the ed to racial harassment by any
			YES		NO
	a.	you find under	Instruction No. 10	, unanimousl	nent by supervisory employees, do by and by a preponderance of the ler the law for those acts?
			YES		NO
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9.	eviden	ce, that Plaintiff ment for pain, suf	Richard Bostic is	entitled to o	and by a preponderance of the damages on account of the racial guish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
	a.	If so, state the harassment:	amount of damage	es that Plaint	iff sustained on account of racial
of enjo	oyment		for pain, s	uffering, inco	onvenience, mental anguish, or loss
10.	•	ce, that Defend		_	and by a preponderance of the Richard Bostic for constructive
			YES		NO

a.	If your answer is "yes," do you find under Instruction Nos. 15 or 16, unanimously and by a preponderance of the evidence, that Plaintiff Richard Bostic is entitled to damages on account of constructive discharge for lost wages and benefits or pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or loss of enjoyment of life?		
	YES NO		
b.	If so, state the amount of damages that Plaintiff sustained on account of constructive discharge:		
	\$ for lost wages and benefits		
of enjoyment	\$ for pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or loss of life.		

Ernest Chesson

eviden		-10, unanimously and by a preponderance of was subjected to racial harassment by any	
	YES	NO	
a.	do you find under Instruction N	acts of harassment by non-supervisory employed. 9, unanimously and by a preponderance responsible under the law for those acts?	•
	YES	NO	
eviden		10, unanimously and by a preponderance on was subjected to racial harassment by	
	YES	NO	
a.	you find under Instruction No.	y acts of harassment by supervisory employe 10, unanimously and by a preponderance s responsible under the law for those acts?	
	YES	NO	
	- **	ial harassment and Defendant NNI is respo estion. Otherwise, continue to Question 14.	
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	harassment: \$for pair	ages that Plaintiff sustained on account of n, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, o	
of enjoyment	of life.		
•	ce, that Defendant NNI is liab	1, unanimously and by a preponderance of the Plaintiff Ernest Chesson for construction of the Plaintiff Ernest Chesson for chesson for the Plaintiff Ernest Chesson for chesson for chesson for the Plaintiff Ernest Chesson for	
	YES	NO	

a.	If your answer is "yes," do you find under Instruction Nos. 15 or 16, unanimously and by a preponderance of the evidence, that Plaintiff Ernest Chesson is entitled to damages on account of constructive discharge for lost wages and benefits or pain suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or loss of enjoyment of life?		
	YES	NO	
b.	If so, state the amount o discharge:	f damages that Plaintiff sustained on account of constructive	
	\$	_ for lost wages and benefits	
of enjoyment		_ for pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or loss	
15. Do yo	ou find under Instruction	on No. 12, unanimously and by a preponderance of the is liable to Plaintiff Ernest Chesson for retaliation?	
	YES	NO	
a.	and by a preponderance damages on account of	do you find under Instruction Nos. 15 or 16, unanimously of the evidence, that Plaintiff Ernest Chesson is entitled to retaliation for lost wages and benefits or pain, suffering, anguish, or loss of enjoyment of life?	
	YES	NO	
b.	If so, state the amount account of retaliation:	t of damages that Plaintiff Ernest Chesson sustained on	
	\$	_ for lost wages and benefits	
	\$	_ for pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or loss	
of enjoyment	of life.		

Jamesina Crawford

eviden		•	d to racial harassment by any
	YES		NO
a.	do you find under Instr	uction No. 9, unanimous	ent by non-supervisory employees, sly and by a preponderance of the ler the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
eviden		•	y and by a preponderance of the cted to racial harassment by any
	YES		NO
a.	you find under Instruct	ion No. 10, unanimousl	nent by supervisory employees, do y and by a preponderance of the ler the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
	_		and Defendant NNI is responsible se, continue to Question 19.
eviden	ce, that Plaintiff Jamesin	a Crawford is entitled to	and by a preponderance of the damages on account of the racial guish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
a.	harassment:	•	iff sustained on account of racial
of enjoyment	\$ of life.	_ for pain, suffering, inco	onvenience, mental anguish, or loss

Jonathan Dantes

eviden			and by a preponderance of the to racial harassment by any non-	
	YES		NO	
a.		on No. 9, unanimou	ent by non-supervisory employees, sly and by a preponderance of the der the law for those acts?	
	YES		NO	
eviden			y and by a preponderance of the ted to racial harassment by any	
	YES		NO	
a.		No. 10, unanimous	ment by supervisory employees, do ly and by a preponderance of the der the law for those acts?	
	YES		NO	
If you found the plaintiff was subjected to racial harassment and Defendant NNI is responsible under the law for those acts, go to the next question. Otherwise, continue to Question 22.				
eviden	nce, that Plaintiff Jonathan D	antes is entitled to	and by a preponderance of the damages on account of the racial aguish, or loss of enjoyment of life?	
a.	If so, state the amount of charassment:	lamages that Plaint	iff sustained on account of racial	
of enjoyment		pain, suffering, inco	onvenience, mental anguish, or loss	

Frantz Edouard

eviden			and by a preponderance of the racial harassment by any non-
	YES		NO
a.	-	on No. 9, unanimous	ent by non-supervisory employees, sly and by a preponderance of the ler the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
eviden			y and by a preponderance of the ed to racial harassment by any
	YES		NO
a.		No. 10, unanimous	nent by supervisory employees, do by and by a preponderance of the der the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
	_		and Defendant NNI is responsible ise, continue to Question 25.
eviden	ce, that Plaintiff Frantz Ede	ouard is entitled to	and by a preponderance of the damages on account of the racial guish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
a.	If so, state the amount of harassment:	damages that Plaint	iff sustained on account of racial
of enjoyment		r pain, suffering, inco	onvenience, mental anguish, or loss

Steven Gordon

evider		. 7-10, unanimously and by a prepond don was subjected to racial harassme	
	YES	NO	
a.	do you find under Instructi	o any acts of harassment by non-super on No. 9, unanimously and by a pre NI is responsible under the law for the	ponderance of the
	YES	NO	
evider		o. 7-10, unanimously and by a prej Gordon was subjected to racial ha	•
	YES	NO	
a.	you find under Instruction	to any acts of harassment by supervis No. 10, unanimously and by a pre NI is responsible under the law for the	ponderance of the
	YES	NO	
	- **	o racial harassment and Defendant I at question. Otherwise, continue to	-
evider harass	nce, that Plaintiff Steven Go ment for pain, suffering, inco	To. 15, unanimously and by a preportion is entitled to damages on acconvenience, mental anguish, or loss ofNO	count of the racial enjoyment of life?
a.	harassment:	damages that Plaintiff sustained on or pain, suffering, inconvenience, men	
of enjoyment		i pain, surrering, meonvemence, men	ital alignish, of 1000
•		To. 13, unanimously and by a prepable to Plaintiff Steven Gordon for di	
	YES	NO	

a.	If so,			10	damages	that	Plaintiff	sustained	on	account	O]
	\$	 	f	or l	ost wages	and b	enefits				
of eniovment	\$ of life	 	f	or p	oain, suffer	ing, i	nconvenie	nce, menta	l ang	guish, or l	oss

Lamar Holloman

eviden	u find under Instruction Nos. 7- ce, that Plaintiff Lamar Hollom isory employees?	•	•
	YES		NO
a.	-	No. 9, unanimousl	nt by non-supervisory employees, y and by a preponderance of the or the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
eviden		•	and by a preponderance of the ed to racial harassment by any
	YES		NO
a.		o. 10, unanimously	ent by supervisory employees, do and by a preponderance of the er the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
	the plaintiff was subjected to ra for those acts, go to the next q		nd Defendant NNI is responsible e, continue to Question 32.
eviden	ce, that Plaintiff Lamar Hollon	nan is entitled to denience, mental ang	and by a preponderance of the amages on account of the racial uish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
a.	harassment:	_	f sustained on account of racial
of enjoyment	-	ain, suffering, incon	venience, mental anguish, or loss
=	ce, that Defendant NNI is lia	=	and by a preponderance of the nmar Holloman for constructive
	YES	:	NO

a.	and by a preponderance of the evidence, that Plaintiff Holloman is entitled to damages on account of constructive discharge for lost wages and benefits or pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
	YES NO
b.	If so, state the amount of damages that Plaintiff sustained on account of constructive discharge:
	\$ for lost wages and benefits
f enjoyment	\$ for pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or loss of life.

Reggie Holliman

eviden		<u> </u>	and by a preponderance of the d to racial harassment by any non-
	YES		NO
a.	do you find under Instru	ction No. 9, unanimo	nent by non-supervisory employees, usly and by a preponderance of the order the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
eviden			sly and by a preponderance of the ected to racial harassment by any
	YES		NO
a.	you find under Instructi	on No. 10, unanimou	ement by supervisory employees, do sly and by a preponderance of the order the law for those acts?
	YES		_ NO
			and Defendant NNI is responsible vise, continue to Question 36.
eviden	nce, that Plaintiff Reggie is ment for pain, suffering, in	Holliman is entitled to	y and by a preponderance of the damages on account of the racial anguish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
a.	If so, state the amount harassment:	of damages that Plair	ntiff sustained on account of racial
of enjoyment	\$ of life.	for pain, suffering, inc	convenience, mental anguish, or loss
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Alfred Joyner

eviden	in find under instruction Nos. 7-1 ace, that Plaintiff Alfred Joyner wisory employees?	•	* *
	YES	NO	
a.	If your answer is "yes," as to an do you find under Instruction I evidence, that Defendant NNI is	No. 9, unanimously and	by a preponderance of the
	YES	NO	
eviden	ou find under Instruction No. 7 ace, that Plaintiff Alfred Joyn risory employees?	·	• • •
	YES	NO	
a.	If your answer is "yes," as to an you find under Instruction No evidence, that Defendant NNI is	. 10, unanimously and	by a preponderance of the
	YES	NO	
	the plaintiff was subjected to rac for those acts, go to the next qu	•	_
eviden	ou find under Instruction No. ace, that Plaintiff Alfred Joynes ment for pain, suffering, inconve YES	r is entitled to damages	s on account of the racial
a.	If so, state the amount of dan harassment:		
of enjoyment	-	in, suffering, inconvenie	nce, mental anguish, or loss

Willie Nichols

eviden		•	racial harassment by any non-
	YES		NO
a.	do you find under Instru	action No. 9, unanimous	ent by non-supervisory employees, sly and by a preponderance of the ler the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
eviden			y and by a preponderance of the ed to racial harassment by any
	YES		NO
a.	you find under Instruction	ion No. 10, unanimousl	nent by supervisory employees, do y and by a preponderance of the ler the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
	- **		and Defendant NNI is responsible se, continue to Question 42.
eviden	ce, that Plaintiff Willie	Nichols is entitled to o	and by a preponderance of the lamages on account of the racial guish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
a.	If so, state the amount harassment:	of damages that Plaint	iff sustained on account of racial
of enjoyment	\$ of life.	_ for pain, suffering, inco	onvenience, mental anguish, or loss
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Chris Payton

eviden			•	nd by a preponderance of the cial harassment by any non-
	YES			NO
a.	do you find under Inst	truction No. 9	, unanimousl	nt by non-supervisory employees, y and by a preponderance of the er the law for those acts?
	YES			NO
•	ce, that Plaintiff Chris P		-	and by a preponderance of the al harassment by any supervisory
	YES			NO
a.	you find under Instruc	ction No. 10,	unanimously	ent by supervisory employees, do and by a preponderance of the er the law for those acts?
	YES			NO
				nd Defendant NNI is responsible e, continue to Question 45.
eviden harassi	ce, that Plaintiff Chris	s Payton is en inconvenience	ntitled to da e, mental ang	and by a preponderance of the mages on account of the racial guish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
a.	If so, state the amount harassment:	nt of damages	that Plaintif	f sustained on account of racial
of enjoyment	\$of life.	for pain, su	ffering, incor	nvenience, mental anguish, or loss

Theo Pierce

eviden		O, unanimously and by a prepondera s subjected to racial harassment by a	
	YES	NO	
a.	do you find under Instruction N	acts of harassment by non-supervisors. 9, unanimously and by a preponsible under the law for those	derance of the
	YES	NO	
•	ce, that Plaintiff Theo Pierce was	10, unanimously and by a prepone subjected to racial harassment by a	
	YES	NO	
a.	you find under Instruction No.	y acts of harassment by supervisory 10, unanimously and by a prepon- responsible under the law for those	derance of the
	YES	NO	
	_	ial harassment and Defendant NNI estion. Otherwise, continue to Que	_
eviden	ce, that Plaintiff Theo Pierce i	5, unanimously and by a prepond is entitled to damages on account tience, mental anguish, or loss of enjoyene NO	of the racial
a.	If so, state the amount of dama harassment:	ages that Plaintiff sustained on acc	count of racial
of enjoyment		n, suffering, inconvenience, mental a	anguish, or loss

Robert Robinson

eviden		•	and by a preponderance of the to racial harassment by any non-
	YES		NO
a.		ction No. 9, unanimou	ent by non-supervisory employees, sly and by a preponderance of the der the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
eviden			y and by a preponderance of the eted to racial harassment by any
	YES		NO
a.	•	n No. 10, unanimous	nent by supervisory employees, do ly and by a preponderance of the der the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
	_		and Defendant NNI is responsible ise, continue to Question 51.
eviden	ce, that Plaintiff Robert R	obinson is entitled to convenience, mental ar	and by a preponderance of the damages on account of the racial aguish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
a.	If so, state the amount of harassment:	f damages that Plaint	iff sustained on account of racial
of enjoyment		for pain, suffering, inco	onvenience, mental anguish, or loss
•	ce, that Defendant NNI	•	and by a preponderance of the Robert Robinson for constructive
	YES		NO

a.	and by a preponderance of the evidence, that Plaintiff Robert Robinson is entitled to damages on account of constructive discharge for lost wages and benefits or pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
	YES NO
b.	If so, state the amount of damages that Plaintiff sustained on account of constructive discharge:
	\$ for lost wages and benefits
of enjoyment	\$ for pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or loss of life.

Dennis Smith

eviden		inanimously and by a preponderance of the subjected to racial harassment by any non-
	YES	NO
a.	do you find under Instruction No.	ts of harassment by non-supervisory employees. 9, unanimously and by a preponderance of the sponsible under the law for those acts?
	YES	NO
•	ice, that Plaintiff Dennis Smith was su	unanimously and by a preponderance of the ubjected to racial harassment by any supervisory
	YES	NO
a.	you find under Instruction No. 10	cts of harassment by supervisory employees, do), unanimously and by a preponderance of the sponsible under the law for those acts?
	YES	NO
	- **	harassment and Defendant NNI is responsible ion. Otherwise, continue to Question 55.
eviden harassi	ice, that Plaintiff Dennis Smith is	unanimously and by a preponderance of the entitled to damages on account of the racial ace, mental anguish, or loss of enjoyment of life? NO
a.	harassment:	es that Plaintiff sustained on account of racial
of enjoyment		suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or loss

Ronald Stewart

eviden), unanimously and by a preponderance of the was subjected to racial harassment by any non-
	YES	NO
a.	do you find under Instruction N	acts of harassment by non-supervisory employees to. 9, unanimously and by a preponderance of the responsible under the law for those acts?
	YES	NO
eviden		10, unanimously and by a preponderance of that was subjected to racial harassment by an
	YES	NO
a.	you find under Instruction No.	y acts of harassment by supervisory employees, d 10, unanimously and by a preponderance of th responsible under the law for those acts?
	YES	NO
	_	al harassment and Defendant NNI is responsible estion. Otherwise, continue to Question 58.
that Pl	aintiff Ronald Stewart is entitled t	animously and by a preponderance of the evidence to damages on account of the racial harassment for anguish, or loss of enjoyment of life? NO
a.	harassment:	ages that Plaintiff sustained on account of racia
of enjoyment		n, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or los

David Swain

eviden		· ·	ad by a preponderance of the cial harassment by any non-
	YES		NO
a.	do you find under Instru	•	nt by non-supervisory employees, ly and by a preponderance of the er the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
•	ce, that Plaintiff David Sv	•	and by a preponderance of the ial harassment by any supervisory
	YES		NO
a.	you find under Instruct	•	ent by supervisory employees, do and by a preponderance of the er the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
	- **		nd Defendant NNI is responsible e, continue to Question 61.
eviden	ce, that Plaintiff David	Swain is entitled to danconvenience, mental ang	and by a preponderance of the mages on account of the racial guish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
a. of enjoyment	harassment: \$	_	ff sustained on account of racial nvenience, mental anguish, or loss
61. Do yo	ou find under Instruction	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	and by a preponderance of the Swain for constructive discharge?
	YES		NO

a.	If your answer is "yes," do you find under Instruction Nos. 15 or 16, unanimous and by a preponderance of the evidence, that Plaintiff David Swain is entitled damages on account of constructive discharge for lost wages and benefits or pasuffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or loss of enjoyment of life?			
	YES NO			
b.	If so, state the amount of damages that Plaintiff sustained on account of constructi discharge:	ve		
	\$ for lost wages and benefits			
of enjoyment	\$ for pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or lo of life.	SS		

Ron Valentine

eviden		<u> </u>	racial harassment by any non-
	YES		NO
a.	do you find under Instru	action No. 9, unanimous	ent by non-supervisory employees, sly and by a preponderance of the ler the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
eviden			y and by a preponderance of the ed to racial harassment by any
	YES		NO
a.	you find under Instruction	ion No. 10, unanimousl	nent by supervisory employees, do y and by a preponderance of the ler the law for those acts?
	YES		NO
	- **		and Defendant NNI is responsible se, continue to Question 65.
eviden	ice, that Plaintiff Ron V ment for pain, suffering, in	alentine is entitled to o	and by a preponderance of the lamages on account of the racial guish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
a.	If so, state the amount harassment:	of damages that Plaint	iff sustained on account of racial
of enjoyment	\$ of life.	_ for pain, suffering, inco	onvenience, mental anguish, or loss
			

Roderick Waddell, Sr.

eviden			•	nd by a preponderance of the cted to racial harassment by any
	YES			NO
a.	do you find under Ins	struction No. 9	, unanimous	ent by non-supervisory employees, ly and by a preponderance of the er the law for those acts?
	YES			NO
eviden			•	and by a preponderance of the ected to racial harassment by any
	YES			NO
a.	you find under Instru	iction No. 10,	unanimously	ent by supervisory employees, do y and by a preponderance of the er the law for those acts?
	YES			NO
				nd Defendant NNI is responsible se, continue to Question 68.
eviden harass	ice, that Plaintiff Roder	ick Waddell, S g, inconvenienc	r. is entitled to ce, mental ang	and by a preponderance of the odamages on account of the racial guish, or loss of enjoyment of life?
a.	harassment:	_		ff sustained on account of racial
of enjoyment		for pain, su	iffering, inco	nvenience, mental anguish, or loss
or enjoyment	or me.			

Brandon Walker

eviden		unanimously and by a preponderance of the was subjected to racial harassment by any non-	-
	YES	NO	
a.	do you find under Instruction No	nects of harassment by non-supervisory employed b. 9, unanimously and by a preponderance of tresponsible under the law for those acts?	
	YES	NO	
eviden		0, unanimously and by a preponderance of ter was subjected to racial harassment by a	
	YES	NO	
a.	you find under Instruction No. 1	acts of harassment by supervisory employees, alo, unanimously and by a preponderance of tresponsible under the law for those acts?	
	YES	NO	
	_ **	el harassment and Defendant NNI is responsib stion. Otherwise, continue to Question 71.	ble
eviden	ce, that Plaintiff Brandon Walker	, unanimously and by a preponderance of the ris entitled to damages on account of the racence, mental anguish, or loss of enjoyment of life NO	ial
a.	If so, state the amount of damag harassment:	ges that Plaintiff sustained on account of rac	ial
of enjoyment	1 ,	, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, or lo	SS

	nimously and by a preponderance of the evidence, that they are entitled tages?	
	YES NO	
a.	a. If so, state the amount of damages that you award to Plaintiffs for whom liability:	you found
	\$	
	erations are complete. The foreperson should sign and date this verdict e bailiff that you have reached a verdict.	form and
DATE	FOREPERSON	

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